

MEETING OF

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, February 16, 2011, with the following members in attendance:

William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman
William "Chip" Narvel, Jr., Secretary
L. Allen Messick, Jr., Treasurer
Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.
Robert L. Emerson

Austin Short representing Ed Kee, Secretary of Agriculture
Kevin Coyle representing Collin O'Mara, Secretary of DNREC
Lisa Embert representing Chip Flowers, State Treasurer
Tim Taraila representing Steven Ditmer

Absent: Robert F. Garey.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Scott Blaier, Cathy Mesick, Kathi Spangler, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Esq.

Vice Chairman Vanderwende opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

I. Current Situation Report:

Robin West informed the Board that we have a total of 1,065 farms in preservation districts totaling 154,465 acres, with a total of 628 farms under agricultural easements totaling 99,144 acres at a cost of \$174,526,344. For PDR 16, there are a total of 42 farms, comprising 3,871 acres, with a value of \$40,155,000. For PDR 17, there are a total of 13 farms, comprising 963 acres, with a value of \$9,796,000. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 40 Forestland Preservation Areas comprising 2,878 acres. For the Forestland Preservation Area Easements, there are a total of 9 properties, comprising 872 acres, with a value of \$1,450,804.

II. Monitoring Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that 195 properties are to be visited in 2011, 20 properties have been visited since February 1, 2011, and 10 more properties are scheduled to be visited in the near future.

III. District Eligibility:

1. Shoot & Bull District, ID#K-10-12-258. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility the Shoot & Bull District, seconded by Lisa Embert. Motion unanimously approved.**

IV. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Donovan Expansion of the Mitchell-Quillen District, ID#K-10-12-088G. After discussion, **Chip Narvel, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Donovan Expansion of the Mitchell-Quillen District, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. Vanvorst Expansion of the Ludwig District, ID#S-10-10-214B. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Vanvorst Expansion of the Ludwig District, seconded by Robert Emerson. Motion unanimously approved.**

V. Secretary of Agriculture's Veto – Secretary Ed Kee waived the right of veto for the above Expansions in his e-mail dated February 15, 2011 (attached.)

VI. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

VII. Minutes:

Vice Chairman Vanderwende asked if there were any comments or changes to the January 19, 2011, minutes. Hearing none, the Vice Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Chip Narvel, Jr. moved to approve**

the January minutes, seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.

VIII. Financial Highlights:

Howard Mesick then presented the Financial Statement for the month of January 2011, informing the Foundation Board that we had, as of January 31, 2011, \$264,974.16 in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account. We received \$146.85 interest income. Expenditures for the month of January totaled \$30,646.73. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to approve the January 2011 financial statement as presented, seconded by Robert Emerson. Motion unanimously approved.**

Michael Parkowski mentioned the \$7M of Federal funding which needs State match so we do not lose those funds. Michael McGrath mentioned the JFC meeting and the New Castle County meeting with Secretary Kee in attendance which addressed funding for the Foundation. It was mentioned that Chairman Garey spoke before the Kent County Levy Court concerning funding for the Foundation.

IX. Executive Session – There was no need for an executive session.

X. Other Business:

There was no other business.

XI. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on March 16, 2011 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Vanderwende
Vice Chairman